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19th November, 1958.

A. Dulles Esq.,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Alan Dulles,

I have taken the liberty of asking Captain Hoare, R.N.(E) to try and make contact with you while he is in Washington from Sunday 23rd to Saturday 29th November, or again from Saturday the 6th to Friday 12th December. He is leading a mission in the United States sent by the British Admiralty where he is the Director of Aircraft Maintenance & Repair. On his visit he is meant to cover the subjects of recruiting, academic standards of entry, selection procedures, leadership training etc. He has also made arrangements to visit some U.S. schools and Youth Organisations near Washington in order to get an appreciation of educational background of recruits received in the United States Navy. He intends to give special attention to the work of the Y.M.C.A.

Captain Hoare is not only an outstanding Naval Officer but a devoted social worker in the London area, spending his weekends as a leader of a Boys Club in the ill-famed Notting Hill area. He, more than any other man, has proved our case that adventurous samaritan service fascinates and captures enterprising boys who might otherwise satisfy their thirst for action through lawlessness. Hoare last year organised the famous canoe expedition from London to the coast which was carried out with a hundred canoes built by the boys themselves. He has just launched a plan to enlist London boys as volunteer members of the River Police to help, after a period of exacting training, in the rescue work which is frequently called for. I go the length of saying that Hoare has shown the way how to tame the lawless and stir the listless. I hope that one day he will be the Commandant of one of the Atlantic Colleges or possibly Headmaster of Gordonstoun.

The state of the young in the free world should cause grave concern not only to educators but to statesmen. The "aggressor" is all the time engaged in diagnostic probings. Will he be deterred or encouraged? That will depend on his findings, in particular as to the reaction to be expected from public opinion. "The resolution of a nation is conditioned by the temper of the young".

At the moment the bad morale of the young in the free world tempts the aggressor, in fact constitutes a threat to our security. I am convinced we can not only restore this morale but exercise a demoralising influence beyond the Iron Curtain.

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I spoke to you of the plan which Air Marshall Sir Lawrence Darvall late Commandant of the NATO Defence College in Paris, has put before the Ford Foundation (vide enclosure). Hoare is our intimate ally and I would indeed be grateful if he could have a talk with you. My hope is that with your help the condition of Western youth may be discussed at a high level as a matter of urgency affecting the safety of the realm.

Hoare is in Washington from Sunday 23rd to Saturday 29th November, and again from Saturday the 6th December to Friday the 12th December. His address will be : C/o Commander B.B. Mungo, R.N., British Joint Services Mission (Navy Staff) P.O. Box 165 Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D.C.

I was glad to hear from Professor Pieter that he had a real chance of fully discussing the diagnostic and therapeutic aspects with Mrs. Gulle.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

W. Hoffmann

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Remarks:

When the DCI read the original of the attached letter from Kurt Hahn, he stated that he would see Capt. Hoare sometime while he is in Washington. He suggested that you or someone from your office be present during the conversation with Capt. Hoare.

I have asked Miss [] to let you know whenever an appointment is set up between the DCI and Capt. Hoare.

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cc: Miss []

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